

**FORT McDOWELL**  
(FORT MCDOWELL, EAST GARRISON) NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS'  
QUARTERS  
(Fort McDowell, East Garrison, Building No. 25-26)  
Angel Island  
Marin County  
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FORT MCDOWELL, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS'  
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NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' QUARTERS  
(Fort McDowell - East Garrison, Building No. 36)

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Location: Angel Island, Marin County, California

Present Owner: State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation

Present Occupant: Angel Island State Park

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Building No. 36 was built to house one non-commissioned officer and his family at the East Garrison of Fort McDowell. This wood frame dwelling was built after the major concrete building campaign undertaken in 1910-14, indicating the construction of more modest buildings for personnel of lower rank.

Description: Currently Building No. 36 is in poor condition. It is located at the center of a row of five extant NCO quarters on a bluff behind the officers' quarters. Building No. 36 is an approximately 28 by 44 foot, one-story, wood frame structure on a raised basement. The structure is rectangular in plan, two bays wide and three bays deep, with a hipped roof. An entrance porch is located under the main roof at the northwest corner of the dwelling. Building No. 36 has concrete pier foundations, horizontal wood weatherboard exterior siding approximately six inches wide, and an asphalt shingle roof. The rear ell has vertical wood board and batten exterior siding. For more information see drawings HABS No. CA-2721-C.

History: Army records state that this building was completed in April 1916 at a total cost of \$500. This cottage was squeezed onto a narrow site at the center of the row of NCO Quarters on a bluff at the southwest edge of the East Garrison. Construction of this structure indicates the growing need for quarters for non-commissioned officers. NCO Quarters were not included in the major concrete building campaign during 1910-14. Cheaper wood frame buildings were used to continue expansion of the East Garrison, particularly as the post became even busier during World War I.

A floor plan from c. 1929 indicates the room uses at that time. The

entrance porch on the north was in front of a bedroom and opened into a parlor at the northeast corner. The dining room was behind the parlor, with another bedroom to the west. The three rooms at the rear were, from east to west, the kitchen, laundry, and bath. The rear porch was labeled as enclosed. Building No. 36 was heated with coal stoves and lit by electricity. Army records indicate that a coal burning hot water heating was installed during 1931 and new plumbing fixtures were installed during 1936.

Sources:

Fort McDowell site plan (1922), Blueprint File, NARA, Cartographic and Architectural Branch, RG 92, Sheet 8. All of the NCO quarters are depicted on this plan with their current numbers.

Historical Record of Public Buildings (QMC Form No. 117 ), Fort McDowell, Angel Island, Building No. 36 - Non-Commissioned Officers Quarters, NARA, RG 77, Entry 393, Box 142, Folder 3. There are two versions of this maintenance form for Building No. 36 with different repair information. They both have the same April 1929 photograph and c. 1929 plan.

Project Information:

Documentation of Fort McDowell was undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record (HABS/HAER) Division of the National Park Service, E. Blaine Cliver, Chief. The project was sponsored by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Rusty Areias, Director; and by Angel Island State Park, Nick Franco, Superintendent. Project planning was coordinated by Paul Dolinsky, Chief, HABS. The field recording was conducted and the measured drawings were produced during 2001 by project supervisor Mark Schara, HABS Architect; by HABS Architect Naomi Hernandez; and by architects Christine M. Odom (University of Texas) and Gregory J. Sokaris (State University of New York at Buffalo). Historical reports were produced during 2002 by Lisa Pfueller Davidson, HABS Historian. Large format photographs were produced during 2002-03 by James Rosenthal, HABS Photographer. Assistance in all phases of this project was provided by the staff of Angel Island State Park. See related documentation, HABS No. CA-1841, Camp Reynolds, for information about the West Garrison portion of the island.